Portland Trantifa Militant Identified Years Later as 2020 Atlanta ICE Firebomber

The FBI is seeking Ronald Scott Watson, aka 'Emily Smith,' a Portland far-left extremist who is considered armed and dangerous

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RONALD SCOTT WATSON
Maliciously Damage, and Attempt to Damage, by Means of Fire or an Explosive, a Building and Other Personal and Real Property, in Whole or in Part Owned and Possessed by, and Leased to, the United States

The FBI has posted a “Most Wanted” page for a trans far-left extremist accused of being one of the masked militants who attacked and firebombed an ICE facility in Atlanta during the 2020 BLM-Antifa riots.

Ronald Scott Watson, 28, is using multiple female aliases to try to evade being found.

After the July 25, 2020 attack in Atlanta, Watson fled to Portland, committed more violent crimes and in early 2023, pleaded guilty to multiple violent felonies in a sweetheart deal. His DNA from that criminal case matches the DNA found on an incendiary device used at the Atlanta attack.

In January 2024, Watson had the Oregon court formally change his name to "Emily Smith" and his sex as "female."

You can read my report about Watson and his indictment in The Post Millennial.

Ronald Watson, aka 'Emily Smith,' is a convicted violent felon in Oregon

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Ngo Comment exclusive: In investigating Watson, I discovered that there was an "Emily Smith" in custody in Marion County, Ore. over an attempted murder in May. The Oregon press reported that a "woman" was arrested for a brutal shooting.

Keizer woman arrested in north Salem shooting that injured 1

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A 27-year-old Keizer woman was arrested May 15 in connection to a shooting that critically injured one, the Marion County Sheriff's Office said.

Deputies responded to a report of gunshots in the 3100 block of Tierra Drive NE in north Salem at about 10 a.m. on May 15, the sheriff's office said.

Deputies found a 48-year-old man who had been shot. He was taken to Salem Health hospital in critical condition, the sheriff's office said.

Emily Smith was arrested on charges of attempted murder, first-degree assault, first-degree burglary and unlawful use of a weapon.

Is this Emily Smith in Oregon the same 'Emily Smith' Trantifa militant?

However, I dug further and saw that the "Emily Smith" in custody is actually booked as male. Could this be Ronald Watson? Was he in custody already and federal authorities just weren't aware? The birthdate was off by one year from Watson as listed by the FBI, but it's not unusual for suspects without identification to lie about their birthdate or other information.

EMILY ALICE SMITH — IN CUSTODY as of 09/05/25

Booking Number: **25004053**	Inmate ID: **00827121**	Booking Date: **05/15/2025**	
Location:	Sched. Release:	Released:	
Personal Description			
Date of Birth: **8/29/1997**	Age: **27**	Sex: **M**	Race: **W**
Hair: **BRO**	Eyes: **BRO**	Height: **508**	Weight: **130**

Emily Alice Smith is male

I then pulled up the Oregon name change records. Emily Alice Smith's prior legal name is Graham Michael Smith. It was *not* Watson after all, but it was a hell of a coincidence that there are two trans violent suspects in Oregon with the same adopted name.

A spokesman with the Marion County Sheriff's Office also sent me this statement: "We do not believe it's the same person with a different [date of birth] and different tattoos."

Watson remains at large, and the FBI warns that he should be considered armed and dangerous. The FBI is offering up to $10,000 for information about Watson leading to his arrest. Those with information can call 1-800-CALL-FBI or visit tips.fbi.gov.